



Mid-Level Narcotic Investigations

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Mid-Level Narcotic dealers are often overlooked by law enforcement agencies across the country. Local police departments spend a great deal of time arresting the same street-level dealers over and over again. Federal agencies primarily target upper-level drug organizations trafficking multi-kilogram quantities of Cocaine, Heroin, PCP, and Methamphetamine. These enforcement strategies leave a tremendous void in targeting mid-level drug organizations that are flooding the communities with drugs and guns.



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Basic narcotic training courses focus on drug identification, types of informants, operational planning, and search warrant execution. Advanced narcotic training courses

focus on drug cartels, money laundering, complex conspiracy investigations, and wiretap cases. While these two types of training programs are a necessary part of drug enforcement, there is a considerable gap in the training available to undercover law enforcement officers that target mid-level drug dealers.

This training course will teach officers how to identify, target, infiltrate, and prosecute mid-level drug organizations that often go undetected.

This course will also focus on ways to proactively take firearms off the street. Officers will be exposed to and practice manipulating common street weapons which include: AK-47, SKS, AR-15, Tec 9, Mac 10, Uzi, and Hi-point rifle (no live ammunition permitted during manipulation). Techniques will be presented to teach officers how to purchase firearms in an undercover capacity.

When working undercover in mid-level drug trafficking organizations, officers will encounter situations that will challenge their ethical and moral code. Officers will participate in various case studies dealing with ethical decisions that led to narcotic officers being fired for policy violations and/or arrested for criminal offenses.

Topics Covered

- Mid-Level Enforcement Philosophy
- Structure of Drug Organizations
- (Crack Cocaine, PCP, Heroin, Meth)
- Building a Conspiracy Investigation
- Overview of Federal Sentencing Guidelines
- Overview of OCDETF Investigations
- Introduction to Wire Tap Investigations
- Conducting a Thorough Preliminary Investigation
- Intelligence Gathering Techniques
- Report Writing
- Case Management
- Initiating Undercover Operations
- Building a Solid Cover Story
- Violence in Undercover Operations
- Tactical Injury Care to a Downed Officer
- Conducting Firearm Investigations
- Psychological Effects on UC officers
- Ethics and Integrity in Drug Investigations

Instructor

Byron Boston began his law enforcement career with the Dallas Police Department in May 1996, and is currently assigned as a Detective on a Mid-Level Narcotics Enforcement squad.

Byron previously worked on a violent crime task force with ATF. While assigned to the task force, he was the lead undercover officer on numerous long-term narcotic & firearm investigations, one of which lasted nearly a year in duration. During that investigation, Byron rented an undercover apartment where he was taught by drug dealers how to cook, cut, and package crack cocaine. Byron was also trained in both "trap" and "stash" houses on the inside structure of how crack cocaine dealers truly operate. In addition to making undercover narcotic purchases, Byron purchased firearms that included: common street weapons, machine guns, and a grenade launcher. Byron worked undercover on two DEA wire tap investigations during his tenure on the ATF task force.

Byron's latest accomplishment involved infiltrating a large-scale PCP trafficking organization in which individuals were distributing over 3 ½ gallons of PCP per month. During this case, the suspects taught Byron how to obtain, cut, package, and distribute PCP. This investigation resulted in the arrest and prosecution of 26 defendants, and the seizure of multiple gallons of PCP with a street value of nearly \$400,000.00. This case was one of the largest PCP investigations ever conducted in Dallas, TX, and was worked exclusively by the Dallas Police Department in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

In 2007, Byron was requested by the Deputy Chief over the Narcotics Division to develop a curriculum for other narcotic detectives to successfully target Mid-Level Organizations. One of the Mid-Level Narcotic Supervisors stated that "Detective Boston's method of instruction was well organized and presented in an outstanding manner. The feedback from the entire class was very positive and the entire class was very appreciative of his efforts. The material presented by Detective Boston served to educate the Narcotic Detectives on how to develop and manage organized conspiracy cases against a level of drug traffickers who are seldom targeted."

This training curriculum has been presented to over one thousand (1000) federal, state, and local law enforcement officers across the country with extremely high reviews.

Training Dates

April 19-21, 2010

Training Location

Bellevue Police Department
450 110 AVE NE
Bellevue, WA 98099

The cost of this 2 1/2 day training seminar is \$250.00 per officer. The group

registration rate of five (5) or more officers registering at the same time is \$200.00 per officer.

Prepayment is not required. Register now to reserve your seat.

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